## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of making a stringed musical instrument learning aid, comprising:

configuring chord indicia in an ordered sequence to designate groups of chords for given musical keys;

arranging the chord indicia and musical key indicia in a matrix;

arranging the matrix in overlapping columns;

designating each column with an individual one of the musical key indicia; and

arranging the columns with each group of chords comprising a plurality of columns such that each key indicia comprising a designated column and at least one adjacent other key column.

- 2. A method according to claim 1, further including flanking the designated column by said other column and another adjacent column.
- A method according to claim 1, wherein said matrix is configured in a circular matrix configuration, comprising a series of radial columns and concentric annual rows.
- 4. A method according to claim 1, further including providing finger position indicia corresponding to said chords.
- 5. A method according to claim 1, further including providing current chord display indicia.
- 6. A method according to claim 1, further including providing a hear-a-sample button indicia.

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- 7. A method according to claim 1, further including fret number indicia to help designate the frets to be played for a given chord.
- 8. A method of facilitating the learning of a stringed musical instrument, comprising:
  - (a) using a learning aid having chord indicia configured in an ordered arrangement to designate groups of chords for given musical keys;
  - (b) selecting a musical key from the learning aid to learn groups of chords corresponding to the selected key and to learn which ones of said combination of chords correspond to other musical keys; and
  - (c) selecting said other musical keys to learn another combination of chords corresponding to said one of said other musical keys and to learn which ones of said other group o chords are new chords to be learned.
- 9. A method according to claim 8, further including selecting a further one of said other musical keys to learn a further groups of chords corresponding to said one of each other musical keys and to learn which ones of said further group of chords are new chords to be learned.
- 10. A learning aid for facilitating the learning of a stringed musical instrument, comprising:

chord indicia configured in an ordered sequence to designate groups of chords for given musical keys;

musical key indicia;

said chord indicia and said key indicia being arranged in a matrix, said matrix having overlapping columns, each column having an individual key indicia,

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the columns being arranged with each group of chords comprising a plurality of columns such that each key indicia includes a designated column and at least one adjacent other key column.

- 11. A learning aid according to claim 10, wherein each key indicia comprises the designated column flanked by the other key column and another adjacent key column.
- 12. A learning aid according to claim 10, wherein said matrix is configured in a circular matrix configuration, comprising a series of radial columns and concentric annual rows.
- 13. A learning aid according to claim 10, further including finger position indicia corresponding to said chords.
- 14. A learning aid according to claim 10, further including current chord display indicia.
- 15. A learning aid according to claim 10, further including a hear-a-sample button indicia.
- 16. A learning aid according to claim 10, further including fret number indicia to help designate the frets to be played for a given chord.
- 17. A learning aid according to claim 10, further including window indicia for featuring said designated column and said at least one adjacent other key column.

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